

Date Uncertain When Fire Committee Will Report

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By G. R. A.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE: (Regardless of what month you were born in.) Be kind to all animals, including human beings. This is a good day to make proper decisions about your future. Write that you won't do tomorrow. Write that long over-due letter. Be cheerful. Don't hate anybody. (or all your hills.) Tell your wife (or husband) that you are happy to be wedded, and that you love her (or him) till, etc., etc.

You continue to read articles about Senator Joe McCarthy and his committee's expose of Communism in government. Do you hear many, or any, other voices raised as is McCarthy's? What a large fish former President Truman's "red herring" has grown to be!

Youthful actor Mickey Rooney certainly has footlight talents, and he has made a lot of money for himself, as well. For those four wives he has thus far managed to marry. Indeed, he thinks that there are millions of young men in this nation who earn in a year what Mickey gets in a week who are enjoying the same happiness as he knows anything about.

Secretary of Army Stevens has asked the top military brass to be more frugal in the use of big airplanes for the transportation of anybody and everybody. We hope the Secretary is able to see that his orders are more happily obeyed than they are, that will be NEWS!

Ohio has just enacted a law that requires all motorists arrested for speeding in a motor car to go to jail for not less than three days. Honestly, such a law is bound to have a sobering effect, isn't it you think?

Session on Parking at 8 tonight

At a special meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the municipal building, city commissioners will seek to learn more details of a proposed off-street parking lot north of Willetts and west of Woodward.

This Nov. 5 session, commissioners point out, will be limited to discussion between city officials and representatives of the businessmen's group from the north-west business area.

While the public will be permitted to attend, commissioners point out that it will be strictly a "listening in" session for the audience.

"Real purpose of the meeting is for commissioners to learn from the group which is proposing it more details than contained in the report recently handed us," explained Mayor Ralph A. Main.

These two companies have spent slightly more than \$37,000 in the past year acquiring nearly half the proposed northwest area parking lot, the report showed.

It also outlined four conditions under which the sponsoring group would be willing to sell its present holdings to the city, and lists immediate, short-range, and long-range objectives designed to bring the program into reality.

Four possible ways of financing the proposal also are suggested: special assessment, revenue bonds, and the city's own parking lot facility to a private operator.

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Franklin Voters 86 Per Cent Turn Out For Issue

\$46,268 Needed If UF Is to Hit Quota

Torch Drive workers are running neck and neck with time in their effort to raise \$152,718 in the Birmingham-Franklin area before the official close of the drive Nov. 12.

With nine days to go, the team of nearly 1,000 volunteers on Tuesday had reported \$106,450 or 70 per cent of the 1953-54 goal.

"Because of the wonderful response of the community and the diligent efforts of the volunteers to reach everyone with the United Foundation story, we feel very confident of reaching our quota," said Everett E. Fisher, general campaign chairman. "From past experience, we know that the last steps are the hardest, but many reports are just beginning to come in and the results look encouraging."

Fisher said returns thus far reflect strong response to the UF's effort to gain an increase of about eight per cent in individual dollar contribution.

HE AGAIN urged solicitors to report as frequently and rapidly as possible.

"As we all know, the strength of the United Foundation program lies largely in linking 150 health and community service agencies in a relatively short 'give one out all' campaign," Fisher said. "One of our objectives has been the elimination of scores of separate drives spread throughout the year, and finally it was out—\$46,268—and headquarters proudly pinned an official 'Torch Drive Solicitor' button on a brand new boy scout."

UF Essay, Poster Winners Decided

Two Birmingham high school students—Robin Reed, 1231 Cedar and Elizabeth Williams, 744 Colonial Court—were declared winners in the 1953 United Foundation editorial and poster contests, it was announced today by William Spence, schools and government chairman for the Torch Drive.

Miss Reed took first place in the editorial contest with her narrative entitled "Your Torch Lights the Way." Judges selected Miss Williams' three-dimensional poster best of the more than 100 posters submitted.

One judge said the first-place poster, depicting a soldier with a cross falling into it, was "superb, showing originality and freshness." Another judge said the Williams' poster was "well-planned and well-carried out."

Miss Reed's editorial dealt with a common problem—potholes—and the ad received by the polo victim through member-agencies of the United Foundation.

One judge said Miss Reed's editorial showed "unusual freshness in its approach, fine use of picture words, imaginativeness in the situation depicted, and excellent development of a very different style of writing."

RUNNER-UP in the editorial contest, which was open to all Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills high school students, was Louisa Roberts, 2208 Lakeshire, for her letter "Let's Pretend," and a tie was declared for third place by Robert E. Johnson, 325 Webster and Dorothy O'Leary, 247 Ann. All are Birmingham high school seniors.

A Bloomfield Hills student, Lynn Hareke of Quanton road, took second place in the poster contest with his drawing of a bright spot light signaling passer-by to stop and "give one for all."

Third place went to Ruth Kalmberg of 18861 Bedford, a sixth grade student at Baldwin school; and fourth place was awarded to Richard Bouchard of 579 Tootling lane, an 8th grader at Holy Name school.

POSTER CONTEST judges found the artwork so good in general that they picked a winner for each school, in addition to the four top winners.

The winner Tony Waaschle of Franklin Hills drive, Franklin school; Jerry Chalmers of 1921 Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; and Mary Kniesel, another Birmingham high school senior, displayed versatility by receiving honorable

New Scout's Idea Adds \$4.61—and Polish—to Drive

Eleven-year-old George Burnmaster, 1045 Suffed, decided a Boy Scout ought to have some ideas about "trick or treat" night.

He punched a slot in the top of a discarded can, pasted a United Foundation torch insignia over the old label and set out on a door-to-door solicitation the night before Halloween.

On Monday, George arrived at the UF headquarters in the Briggs Building to ask Campaign Director Lenore Quinn to preside over the official opening of the can. He handed her the can—and can opener.

OUT Poured the money on the top of it. It took some scraping to dislodge all of the nickels, dimes and quarters from the bottom of the can, which still contained a residue of wax.

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THOSE WHO SOUGHT village incorporation for Franklin have completed the first step in protecting the area against other incorporation votes within the township.

Some voters are believed to have supported the incorporation of the area to gain additional time to study further developments within the township.

Backers of the incorporation claim that while most residents are satisfied with present conditions in Franklin, the fear exists by other groups in the township that might affect their borders.

Charter commissioners will now meet to review points to be included in a new village ordinance.

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JANE AND SUSIE RUSSELL Sister clown act anxious to get started. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Public Likes Changes In Halloween Party

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Spectators as well as those in charge of the 1953 Halloween party have expressed their approval of the several changes made this year.

Many parents, especially those of younger children, were loud in their praise of the shorter, better lighted parade route. Little tots were able to take part in the parade without arriving at the food lines weary and bewildered.

The increased feeding stations enabled some 6,500 children to be fed quickly and without fuss.

In the Briggs parking lot the clown band and balloon expert provided a gathering point for families with entertainment for children too young to attend any of the organized parties.

"I feel I am speaking for the entire committee when I say the general set-up has been considerably improved," said Roland Reese, general chairman.

"WE FOUND some 'bugs' of course, this being the first time for some features, but feel they can be ironed out before another party. This is strictly a case of learning by doing because we have no pattern to follow.

"We were troubled somewhat by spectators moving into the middle of the street after the parade turned onto Woodward, but stronger patrols can eliminate that next year."

While the youngsters seemed to add a "two can take it" attitude toward the clown band, the balloon expert proved to be a fascinating addition to the party.

THE ADAPTIVENESS with which he transformed ordinary balloons into "modernistic" animals fascinated grownups while

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JANET AND MRS. WILLIAM KRIEPEKE Mother adjusts Indian costume prior to annual parade. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Westside Station Seen First

"Slow progress" is the report of the 60-member citizens' committee which was appointed in February to look into Birmingham's needs for additional fire-fighting facilities.

Task of the committee has been to come up with a proposal which it feels the residents will accept concerning installation of new fire fighting facilities, perhaps one or more new fire stations.

The first effort to build a new fire station in the city was defeated when voters turned down a \$350,000 bond issue in April 1952.

John S. O'Gorman, Jr., general chairman of the committee, said the committee had defined recommendations could be made by the committee to the city commission by the middle of this month.

However, P. C. Burnett, chairman of the sub-committee on construction costs, said it would be difficult to get accurate estimates of costs for the proposed stations could be made.

ACCORDING TO O'Gorman, decentralization of the city's fire department is desired. Eventually two new stations should be built, one on city-owned property on W. Maple between Chesterfield and Fairmount roads, and one on a privately owned site on Adams road at Woodville.

"If we Maple station demands top priority," said O'Gorman. He explained that county plans for widening Fairmount road (Linden west last summer) will result in the west side of the city being cut off from the present fire station.

"If we don't have a station in that sector by then, we'll have to put a couple of pieces of equipment in a field," said O'Gorman.

HE ADDED that two fire stations are needed in Birmingham in order to keep its No. 5 rating with the National Board of Fire Underwriters code, which recommends a fire station for each three-square blocks of city area as Birmingham.

The location of our present station falls far out of line with these recommendations, O'Gorman stated.

Additional fire equipment is also needed to meet underwriter's codes. Minimum requirements for Birmingham would be four pumps and two aerial ladder trucks.

BIRMINGHAM'S present equipment consists of two pumps, plus a small standby pumper, and one aerial ladder truck. Another combination pumper and ladder truck is expected to be delivered in June next year.

O'Gorman said that still another combination pumper and ladder truck is needed to bring the department up to the recommendations of underwriters.

STRICTLY FRESH

An Ohio Democrat recently predicted a clean sweep for his party in Ohio in 1954 elections, or out of office.

Nowadays, when a man gives his son to a woman to be a husband usually just means he's getting off.

When a New York policeman caught up with a hit-and-run driver, he discovered that the driver wasn't new—he had been seen in years. That must have been an "arresting" reunion!

What's the use in worrying about life? You'll never come out of it alive anyway.

From the annual Canadian shoe and leather fair held recently in Montreal comes the report that women's feet are getting bigger.

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